

14 June 2023		ITEM: 10
Cabinet		
Appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory and other Panels		
Wards and communities affected: None	Key Decision: Non-key	
Report of: Councillor Andrew Jefferies, Leader of the Council		
Accountable Assistant Director: N/A		
Accountable Director: Asmat Hussain, Director of Law and Governance, and Monitoring Officer		
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Executive Summary

This report requests the Cabinet to consider the nominations made by Group Leaders to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels for those appointments that are to be made by the Cabinet.

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 That the nominations to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels be approved, as set out in Appendix 1 to this report (to be tabled when nominations are received).**

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1** Both the Full Council and the Cabinet have powers to appoint Members, officers and others to serve on Outside Bodies in a variety of capacities. Chapter 12, Part 2, of the Council's Constitution provides details of those Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels where appointments are to be made by either Full Council or by the Cabinet.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 3.1** Nominations will be sought from Group Leaders for the appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels that are required to be made by the Cabinet. Those nominations are set out in **Appendix 1** to this report, which will be tabled when nominations have been received.

- 3.2 Any changes to the appointments made will require the approval of the appointing body, be this Full Council or Cabinet.
- 3.3 There is an expectation that Members appointed to represent the Council on Outside Bodies must report back to the Council at least annually.
- 3.4 Guidance for Councillors and Officers on Outside Bodies can be found Chapter 12, Part 2, Appendix A of the Constitution. This has been included in this report as **Appendix 2**.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 The Cabinet should ensure that it continues to nominate representatives to sit on Outside Bodies, Statutory and other Panels so that its interests can be properly represented, together with those of the wider community.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 In the course of seeking nominations, consultation has been undertaken with the Leaders of each of the political groups represented on the Council.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

- 6.1 It is important for the Council to nominate to such bodies in order to ensure that it continues to represent the interests of both the Authority and the wider community.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Dammy Adewole**
Senior Management Accountant

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Asmat Hussain**
Director of Law and Governance, and
Monitoring Officer

This report must be considered in line with Chapter 12, Part 2 Outside Bodies of our Constitution. Different duties and responsibilities will apply depending on the individual councillor's role on the outside body. Councillors appointed to outside bodies will need to be clear as to whether their duty is to the

Council or to the outside body and will need to identify any potential conflicts of interest.

7.3 **Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: **Becky Lee**

Team Manager – Community Development and Equalities

The Council is under a statutory duty to ensure that equality and diversity is a key part of our decision making process. Therefore attention is drawn to the importance of ensuring that appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels are underpinned by appropriate training on the statutory equality framework.

7.4 **Other implications** (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health Inequalities, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder, and Impact on Looked After Children

- None.

8. **Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- None.

9. **Appendices to the report**

- Appendix 1 - Nominations of political groups to Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels
- Appendix 2 – Guidance for Councillors and Officers on Outside Bodies: Thurrock Council Constitution, Chapter 12, Part 2, Appendix A

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